

Pacific Nations Secure \$107M Tuna Project to Combat Climate Change

In a major win for the Pacific, the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Board has approved a groundbreaking **USD 107 million** project to help 14 Pacific Island nations safeguard their tuna-dependent economies from climate change.

The decision, made during the 41st GCF Board Meeting (B.41) from 17 – 20 February, was unanimously supported by the GCF Board members, including the SIDS representative and Board Member, Dr. Teuea Toatu.

Developed by Conservation International and implemented by the Pacific Community (SPC), the "Regional Tuna Project" will strengthen fisheries management, deploy Fisheries Aggregate Devices (FADs), and establish climate early warning systems. A robust monitoring system will track both ecological and economic benefits. The primary goal of the project is to enhance food security for the Pacific communities through the effective and sustainable management of coastal and pelagic tuna resources.

“This is a significant milestone and landmark decision for the Pacific SIDS,” said Dr Toatu, emphasizing the need to expedite the implementation phase.

The project will benefit Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.